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SUBJECT: ATTEMPTED COMPROMISE OF LINGUISTIC DELEGATION MEMBER

REF: A. PEKING 1810: B. STATE 230732

1. USLO OFFICER HAD OPPORTUNITY OCTOBER 22 TO DISCUSS FURTHER WITH FSI DIRECTOR SOLLENBERGER AND CSC ESCORT FITZGERALD THE QUESTION OF US\$50 WORTH OF NEW TAIWAN DOLLARS PLACED IN SUITCASE OF BROWN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WRENN. SOLLENBERGER SAID THAT THE CHINESE HAD ACCEPTED THE MONEY AND INDICATED TO GROUP THAT THEY CONSIDER THE MATTER CLOSED. CHINESE REPORTEDLY VOLUNTEERED VIEW THAT MONEY WAS PLACED IN SUITCASE BY SOMEONE WHO OPPOSED THE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. - PRC CULTURAL RELATIONS. PRC OFFICIAL NOTED THAT DELEGATIONS BAGS HAD NOT BEEN OPENED AT PORT OF ENTRY SINCE THEY WERE A FRIENDLY DELEGATION. GROUP WAS CONCERNED THAT WRENN MIGHT BE ASKED TO SIGN SOME FORM OF STATEMENT, AND HE WAS PREPARED TO REFUSE. NO SUCH REQUEST

WAS MADE HOWEVER, AND DELEGATION NOW CONSIDERS THE INCIDENT SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

2. ASKED ABOUT DETAILS ON THE PLANT, SOLLENBERGER SAID THAT MONEY WAS PLACED IN SIDE POCKET OF A NEW VINYL BAG PURCHASED FOR THE TRIP. POCKET ALSO CONTAINED OTHER MATERIALS, BUT WRENN HAD
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NOT OPENED IT SINCE ARRIVING IN CHINA, SO HE WAS UNABLE TO SAY

WITH CERTAINTY WHERE MONEY MAY HAVE BEEN INSERTED. ALTHOUGH THERE IS
NO FIRM EVIDENCE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, MEMBERS OF THE GROUP SEEM
CONVINCED THAT IT WAS DONE AFTER ARRIVAL IN CHINA.
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